



2013 Deer Trustee Report

Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

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Action Team: Regulations & Season Structure	Hunting Regulations, Seasons, & Bag Limits B.11
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This document shows the original Deer Trustee Report recommendation that the Public Action Team considered when developing proposals for implementing the recommendation in Wisconsin. The Public Action Team's implementation proposal is presented then followed by additional background information.

I. ORIGINAL DEER TRUSTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATION

B.11. Resolve the cross-bow season issue through the public involvement process. The nationwide trend is toward accommodating cross-bow archers in some way, be it special seasons, over-lapping seasons or age-limited use in all seasons. Studies in Ohio have shown crossbows attract younger hunters to archery and allow older hunters to remain in the field, in spite of physical limitations.

II. PUBLIC ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION

Below is the Public Action Team implementation proposal along with their rationale and supporting evidence, potential implementation obstacles and consideration of the proposal's potential impact on the overall deer management in Wisconsin.

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1. Action Team Implementation Proposal:

- Cross-bows shall have a separate license for archery and crossbow. The crossbow season will be monitored to adjust season structure if data showed any disproportion added to harvest based on historical data. Disabled cross-bow opportunity will be maintained. It was supported unanimously (17 yes, 0 no) to retain verbiage in AB 194 to protect 65 and older as well as the disabled.

2. Supporting data, references, rationale and other information behind it.

- A recommendation to monitor and adjust season structure if data showed disproportion to harvest of deer compared to gun/archery harvest was supported
- A recommendation to have a separate license for archery and crossbow was supported
- A recommendation to maintain disabled cross-bow opportunity was supported unanimously
- The concept of AB-194 in its current form as of 5/17/13 is in support
- A recommendation that the crossbow season be separate from archery season was not supported
- A recommendation to have the same license for archery and crossbow was not supported
- When the gun deer season opens early – more bucks are taken by gun deer
- Michigan found that crossbows have a higher success rate than archery
- Georgia lost hunter numbers when crossbows were allowed

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

- Will the disabled crossbow license be eliminated if the season is restricted? How would that affect the disabled? Make sure they do not lose out



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4. Overall, how will this proposal simplify or complicate deer hunting, management, or research in Wisconsin.

- May complicate hunting by adding another permit and season
- Need to track the harvest separately
- Will the deer harvest be stopped when a set amount of deer are harvested for archer or crossbow?
Or does the harvest continue regardless of how many deer are killed?